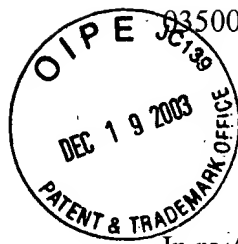


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In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Katherine A. Bareford
MIKI OGAWA)
: Group Art Unit: 1762
Application No.: 09/910,886)
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Filed: July 24, 2001)
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For: METHOD OF PREPARING)
POROUS MATERIALS : December 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time from November 29, 2003 to and including December 29, 2003 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and encloses a check for \$110.00 to cover the extension fee. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, kindly amend the subject application as follows: